

7. (Twice Amended) The maize plant, or parts thereof, according to claim 2, further comprising a gene transferred trait.

8. (Twice Amended) The maize plant, or parts thereof, according to claim 2 further comprising a transgene operably linked to one or more regulatory elements.

9. (Twice Amended) The maize plant according to claim 8, wherein said transgene confers upon said maize plant tolerance to a herbicide.

11. (Twice Amended) The maize plant according to claim 8, wherein said transgene confers upon said maize plant insect resistance, disease resistance or virus resistance.

12. (Twice Amended) A maize plant according to claim 11, wherein said transgene conferring upon said maize plant insect resistance is a *Bacillus Thuringiensis* Cry1Ab gene.

38. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 37, wherein said one parent is the plant of inbred maize line NP2174, further comprising a transgene.

40. (Twice Amended) A method comprising introgressing a gene into inbred maize line NP2174, seed of said line having been deposited under ATCC Accession No. PTA-2970, using one or more markers for marker assisted selection among maize lines to be used in a maize breeding program, the markers being associated with said gene, wherein the resulting maize line is inbred maize line NP2174 further comprising said gene.

41. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 40, wherein said gene comprises a Cry1Ab gene.

42. (Twice Amended) A NP2174-derived maize plant, or parts thereof, wherein at least one ancestor of said maize plant is the maize plant of claim 2, said maize plant expressing a combination of at least two NP2174 traits selected from the group consisting of: a relative maturity of approximately 95 to 110 days based on the Comparative Relative Maturity Rating System for harvest moisture of grain, Eyespot resistance, First Brood Corn Borer resistance, Second Brood Corn Borer resistance (leaf feeding), improved stalk strength compared to CM105, darker anthocyanic pigmentation of the brace roots compared to CM105, an Aleuron having of 19 (Munsell code), silk color of 26 (Munsell code), anther color of 05 (Munsell code), and adapted to the Northern Cornbelt regions of the United States.

43. (Amended) The maize plant, or parts thereof, of claim 5, wherein the plants or parts thereof have been transformed so that its genetic material contains a transgene operably linked to one or more regulatory elements.